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I fully support ALL of the following projects. They seem reasonable and a proper use of resources.

Thank you for including me in your scoping plans. . .

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The Forest Service is scoping for issues that the projects' environmental analyses should address, and invite your comments on the issues and scope of analysis for the new projects below.

Special Use Permit Project:

1. **Stream Gauging Equipment-** This project would issue a 20-year permit for the Upper Skagit Tribe to install and maintain gauging equipment on stream systems on the Darrington and Mt. Baker Districts. Gauging equipment would be located in T33N, R11E, Section 19 (Tenas Creek) and T36N, R11E, Section 30 (Diobsud Creek). <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49025>

Vegetation Management Project:

2. **Segelsen Collaborative Vegetation and Aquatic Restoration Project** - This vegetation project with an aquatic component of road drainage restoration is proposed by the Darrington Collaborative Group <http://www.darringtoncollaborative.org/> in second growth stands within the N.F. Stillaguamish River drainage. The project would entail a 70-acre restoration thinning, and a stewardship component of drainage restoration both in the Segelsen area and in the Clear Creek drainage with upgrade of road culverts, ditch and surface conditions. This project is located in: T33N, R09E, Sections 28 & 29 (Segelsen Thin) and T32N, R10E, Section 31, T31N, R10E, Section 6 & 7, T31N, R09E, Sections 12, 13, 23, 24, 27 (Clear Creek Road 2060). <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49026>
3. **North Zone Huckleberry Enhancement Project** - This project proposes to partner with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Sauk-Suiattle Tribe to enhance huckleberry habitat by removing trees that are encroaching into huckleberry sites. The Darrington District site is located near Tupso Lake, above Grade Creek in Skagit County, approximately 11 miles northeast of Darrington, WA in T33N, R10E, Section 1; and, T33N, R11E, Sections 6 and 7. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49027>
4. **Darrington District Blowdown Salvage** - This project would remove blowdown trees at two sites on the Darrington Ranger District: 1) the Mountain Loop at the Old Sauk Trailhead and 2) the Suiattle Road 25. The project area is located on the Darrington District in T31N, R10E, Section 9, and in T32N, R11E, Section 8, northeast of Darrington <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49031>

Recreation Project:

5. **Buck Creek Campground Restoration Project** - This project would restore riparian habitat where a logjam rerouted stream flow into campsites on the West side of Buck Creek campground and would upgrade campsites on the East side of Buck Creek campground to compensate for sites loss to the storm damage. The project area is located on the Darrington District in T32N, R11E, Section 13 northeast of Darrington. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49029>

Road and Trail Work:

6. **Storm Damage Repairs** - This project would repair storm damaged trails and roads on the Darrington District as funding is available. Trails with currently inventoried damage from the winter storms include: Old Sauk Trail, White Chuck Bench Trail, Beaver Lake Trail, and Big Four Trail Bridge abutments. Roads with currently inventoried storm damage include: the Mt. Loop Rd #20, Tenas Creek Rd #2660, Goodman Rd #2081, Falls Creek Rd #2080, N.F. Stillaguamish Rd #28, Rinker Ridge Rd #29, Gordon Creek Bridge Rd # [4037](#), Deer Creek Rd # [4052](#), Coal Lake Rd # [4060](#), Sunrise Mine Rd # [4065](#) and F. Canyon Cr. /Tupso Pass Rd # 41. The project work is located throughout the Darrington District. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49024>

Research and Data Collection:

7. **Glacier Peak Data Collection:** This project would issue a special use permit for the US Geological Survey (USGS) to install Global Positioning System (GPS) antennas at two headwater streams of Glacier Peak, and collect geophysical core samples around Glacier Peak. Data collection would be located in Glacier Peak Wilderness on the Darrington District in T30N, R14E, Section 3 (Dusty Creek) and Section 11(Chocolate Creek) upper Suiattle River, lower White Chuck River, and near the summit area of Glacier Peak. This project is proposed as a joint project of USGS Cascade Volcano Observatory, the USGS Washington Water Science Center and the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49030>